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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 1362

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAG: MASS, MILI, OVIP
SUBJECT: YAR CHIEF OF STAFF VISIT, 19-26 MAY 1977

REFERENCE: SANA 1361

1. AS DEPT KNOWS FROM REFTEL, WE BELIEVE PROBLEM OF FUNDING OVERSEAS TRAVEL FOR LTC AL-GHASHMI HAS BEEN RESOLVED. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 3, HOWEVER, YAR PROJECT OFFICER RAISED NEW ISSUE.

2. AFTER INQUIRING ABOUT CALLS AL-GHAHSMI WOULD MAKE WHILE IN WASHINGTON,PROJECT OFFICER WENT ON TO ASK IF AL-GHAHSMI WOULD MEET THE PRESIDENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT AL-GHASHMI IS NOT ONLY THE EFFECTIVE HEAD OF THE YAR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT BUT ALSO HOLDS THE SECOND POSITION ON THE FOUR-MAN COMMAND COUNCIL WHICH IS THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE GOVERNING BODY IN YEMEN. THIS CIVILIAN FUNCTION MAKES HIM EQUIVALENT TO A VICE PRESIDENT. THE PROJECT OFFICER ADDED THAT, AS NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE YAR, AL-GHASHMI HAS ROUTINELY CALLED ON FOREIGN CHIEFS OF STATE, INCLUDING FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING DURING THE FORMER'S VISIT TO FRANCE LAST
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SUMMER. HE FELT THAT A COURTEST CALL BY AL-GHASHMI ON PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE EXPLAINED THAT VISITING MILITARY DIGNITARIES DO NOT NORMALLY CALL ON THE US PRESIDENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT AL-GHASHMI IS ONE OF ONLY NINE FOREIGN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT LEADERS IN-

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VITED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THIS YEAR AND EXPLAINED THAT THE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN DEL-
EGATED BY THE PRESIDENT TO WELCOME SENIOR MILITARY
GUESTS ON BEHALF OF OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE. THE PROJECT
OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD POSTPONE FURTHER COMMENT
UNTIL WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH A DETAILED PROGRAM
AND LIST OF THE US DIGNITARIES WHOM AL-GHASHMI WILL
SEE. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, BY SAYING THAT HE IS
SURE AL-GHASHMI EXPECTS TO MEET THE PRESIDENT.

4. WE REALIZE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S SCHEDULE COULD ACCOMMODATE THE YAR CHIEF OF
STAFF. GIVEN AL-GHASHMI'S DUAL ROLE AS A
GOVERNMENTAL AS WELL AS MILITARY OFFICIAL, HOWEVER,I
WONDER IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE A BRIEF
CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. AL-GHASHMI HAS BEEN
CLOSELY INVOLVED IN CURRENT MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO
FORGE AN ALLIANCE OF MODERATE STATES IN THE RED SEA-
HORN OF AFRICA AREA TO WITHSTAND ENERGETIC SOVIET AND
CUBAN ACTIVITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.HE COULD BE
OF VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN OUR EFFORTS TO USE YEMEN AS
A CATALYST IN CREATING SUCH AN ALLIANCE. WE BELIEVE
THAT A SHORT MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT DURING
THIS PERIOD WOULD HAVE A MOST USEFUL PHYCHOLOGICAL AND
POLITICAL IMPACT ON YEMEN IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR
REGIONAL GOALS.

5. WE HAVE NOT PRESENTED THIS IDEA TO THE YEMENIS BUT
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU GIVE IT FAVORABLE CONSIDER-
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ATION. IN THE EVENT THAT A CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT
IS NOT FEASIBLE WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AL-GHASHMI BE
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN THE
LATTER'S CAPACITY AS RANKING MEMBER OF THE CABINET.
(WE ASSUME THAT A CALL ON THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OR
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE
ITINERARY.)

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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